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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

April 21, 2015
12:15 PM –12:45 PM
Conference Call

Advisory Body
Members Present: Hon. Brad R. Hill, Chair
Mr. Anthony P. Capozzi
Hon. Keith D. Davis
Hon. Samuel K. Feng
Hon. Robert. D. Foiles
Ms. Melissa Fowler-Bradley
Hon. Steven E. Jahr (Ret.)
Hon. Laura J. Masunaga
Mr. Stephen Nash
Hon. Gary R. Orozco
Hon. David Edwin Power
Ms. Linda Romero Soles
Mr. Larry Spikes
Mr. Kevin Stinson
Hon. Robert J. Trentacosta

Advisory Body
Members Absent: Hon. Donald Cole Byrd
Mr. Stephan Castellanos, FAIA
Hon. William F. Highberger
Hon. Jeffrey W. Johnson
Hon. Patricia M. Lucas, Vice-Chair
Mr. Val Toppenberg
Mr. Thomas J. Warwick, Jr.

Others Present: The following Judicial Council staff was present:
Mr. Curtis L. Child, Chief Operating Officer
Mr. William J. Guerin, Capital Program
Ms. Angela Guzman, Capital Program
Mr. Burt Hirschfeld, Real Estate & Facilities Management
Mr. Charles Martel, Legal Services
Ms. Kristine Metzker, Capital Program
Ms. Leslie G. Miessner, Legal Services
Ms. Kelly Quinn, Capital Program

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Item 1

Existing San Diego County Courthouse: Disposition and Demolition

Hon. Brad R. Hill, chair, introduced Hon. Steven E. Jahr (Ret.) as a new member to the advisory committee, thanking him for his participation.

Mr. Curtis Child provided an overview of the proposal explaining that as part of the San Diego property transaction, the Judicial Council became the owner of the old courthouse and jail and the land on which these buildings sit. He stated that the Judicial Council has the responsibility to demolish the old courthouse and jail currently occupied by the Superior Court of San Diego County, after the new courthouse is completed in December 2016. He indicated that Judicial Council staff will be preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP) in the near future to solicit offers for the land, which requires legislation for their disposition.

Mr. Charles Martel indicated that the future disposal of the San Diego property was contemplated, as documented in the 2009 funding request for the project, to offset some of the costs of new courthouse. He explained that the proposed legislation is needed to allow the Judicial Council the authority to dispose of the San Diego property, because it is still in use and therefore does not qualify as surplus property. He indicated that the proposed legislation was developed with input from the State Department of Finance. He noted that included in the future RFP and in exchange for the San Diego property, the buyer would be asked to take on the following obligations for the Judicial Council: demolition of the existing courthouse including two bridges, repairs to the façade of the adjacent buildings where the bridges were removed, replacement of the chilled-water system running through the existing courthouse supplying other county buildings, and—if possible—construction of a prisoner transport tunnel to the new courthouse.

Ms. Kelly Quinn indicated that with the advisory committee's vote, the recommendation would move to the Judicial Council's Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee for consideration at its meeting on April 30, 2015.

Action: The advisory committee—with the exception of Hon. David Edwin Power as an Ex-Officio, non-voting member and of the members who were absent as shown above—voted unanimously on the following motion:

1. The Court Facilities Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council sponsor legislation authorizing the Judicial Council to dispose of the San Diego Property at its fair market value in exchange for cash to pay for, or the in-kind performance of, certain Judicial

Council obligations to the County of San Diego undertaken as a result of the Judicial Council's acquisition of the San Diego Property and the property on which the New Courthouse is being constructed, and, if possible, construction of an underground inmate transportation tunnel between the New Courthouse and the County central jail on Front Street, or some combination thereof, with any excess proceeds applied to rental or debt service payments owed with respect to the bond financing for the New Courthouse.

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Approved by the advisory body on May 15, 2015.